

Act to any person; (d) where the Administrator determines that the application is an attempt on the part of a person currently denied the benefits of the Act to obtain service; (e) whenever the applicant, after an initial survey has been made in accordance with § 55.140, fails to bring the plant, facilities, and operating procedures into compliance with the regulations in this part within a reasonable period of time; (f) notwithstanding any prior approval whenever, before inauguration of service, the applicant fails to fulfill commitments concerning the inauguration of the service; (g) when it appears that to perform the services specified in this part would not be to the best interests of the public welfare or of the Government; or (h) when it appears to the Administrator that prior commitments of the Department necessitate rejection of the application. Each such applicant shall be promptly notified by registered mail of the reasons for the rejection. A written petition for reconsideration of such rejection may be filed by the applicant with the Administrator if postmarked or delivered within 10 days after receipt of notice of the rejection. Such petition shall state specifically the errors alleged to have been made by the Administrator in rejecting the application. Within 20 days following the receipt of such a petition for reconsideration, the Administrator shall approve the application or notify the applicant by registered mail of the reasons for the rejection thereof.

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**§ 55.160 When application may be withdrawn.**

An application for service may be withdrawn by the applicant at any time before the service is performed upon payment, by the applicant, of all expenses incurred by AMS in connection with such application.

**§ 55.170 Order of service.**

Service shall be performed, insofar as practicable, in the order in which applications therefor are made except

that precedence may be given to any application for an appeal.

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**§ 55.180 Suspension of plant approval.**

(a) Any plant approval pursuant to the regulations in this part may be suspended for (1) failure to maintain plant and equipment in a satisfactory state of repairs; (2) the use of operating procedures which are not in accordance with the regulations in this part; or (3) alterations of buildings, facilities, or equipment which cannot be approved in accordance with the regulations in this part.

(b) During such period of suspension, inspection service shall not be rendered. However, the other provisions of the regulations in this part pertaining to providing service on a resident basis will remain in effect unless service is terminated in accordance with the terms thereof. If the plant facilities or methods of operation are not brought into compliance within a reasonable period of time to be specified by the Administrator, the application and service shall be terminated. Upon termination of service in an official plant pursuant to the regulations in this part, the plant approval shall also become terminated and all labels, seals, tags, or packaging material bearing official identification shall, under the supervision of a person designated by the Administrator, either be destroyed, or the official identification completely obliterated, or sealed in a manner acceptable to the Department.

DENIAL OF SERVICE

**§ 55.200 Debarment.**

(a) The following acts or practices or the causing thereof may be deemed sufficient cause for the debarment by the Administrator, of any person, including any agents, officers, subsidiaries, or affiliates of such person, from any or all benefits of the Act for a specified period. The rules of practice governing withdrawal of inspection and grading services in formal adjudicatory proceedings instituted by the Secretary (7